

AMENDMENTS

The claims are as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) A method for printing information comprising:
storing information corresponding to a print task in memory in a print-ready format, such that information in the print-ready format can be printed by a printing device without being processed by a driver; and
enabling a selected portion of the information in the print-ready format to be printed without printing a non-selected portion of the information in the print-ready format.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
providing a printing device; and
printing the selected portion of the information in the print-ready format using the printing device.
3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein storing information comprises:
storing the information in the print-ready format in memory associated with the printing device.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
receiving an input corresponding to a user's intent to print only a portion of the information in the print-ready format; and
enabling only the selected portion of the information in the print-ready format to be printed.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4, further comprising:
receiving an input corresponding to a user's intent to print the entire information in the print-ready format; and
enabling the entire information in the print-ready format to be printed.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4, further comprising:
enabling the user to select at least the portion of the information in the print-ready format to be printed.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, wherein the printing device has a user interface; and
wherein enabling the user to select at least the portion of the information in the print-ready format comprises:
enabling the user to select at least the portion of the information in the print-ready format via the user interface.

8. (Original) The method of claim, 7 wherein the user interface is a graphical user interface.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, further comprising:

providing a driver, the driver being configured to receive information and configure the information in the print-ready format, the driver being further configured to provide a graphical user interface; and

wherein enabling the user to select at least the portion of the information in the print-ready format comprises:

enabling the user to select at least the portion of the information in the print-ready format via the graphical user interface.

10. (Previously Presented) A print system comprising:

a job retention system configured to store print-ready information corresponding to a print task and to receive an input corresponding to a selected portion of the print-ready information, the print-ready information being configured for use by a printing device such that the information can be printed by the printing device without being processed by a driver of the printing device, the job retention system being further configured to enable the selected portion of the print-ready information to be printed without printing a non-selected portion of the print-ready information.

11. (Previously Presented) The print system of claim 10, further comprising:

a printing device having a memory, the print-ready information being stored in the memory of the printing device; and

wherein the job retention system resides in the printing device.

12. (Previously Presented) The print system of claim 10, wherein the printing device includes a user interface, the user interface being configured to enable a user to select at least the portion of the print-ready information.

13. (Original) The print system of claim 10, wherein the user interface is a graphical user interface.

14. (Previously Presented) The print system of claim 11, further comprising:
a workstation communicatively coupled to the printing device, the workstation having a driver, the driver being configured to convert information into the print-ready information and provide the print-ready information to the printing device, the driver being further configured to provide a graphical user interface, the graphical user interface being configured to enable the user to select at least the portion of the print-ready information.

15. (Previously Presented) The print system of claim 10, further comprising:
a workstation having a driver configured to provide a graphical user interface, the graphical user interface being configured to enable a user to select at least the portion of the print-ready information.

16. (Original) The print system of claim 10, further comprising:
means for storing the information in the print-ready format.

17. (Original) The print system of claim 16, wherein the means for storing the information in the print-ready format is a disk drive.

18. (Original) The print system of claim 17, further comprising:
a printing device associated with the job retention system; and

wherein the disk drive is a component of the printing device.

19. (Original) The print system of claim 17, further comprising:
means for configuring the information corresponding to the print task in the print-ready format.

20. (Original) The print system of claim 19, wherein the means for configuring the information is associated with a driver, the driver being configured to receive information in a non-print-ready format and convert the information to the print-ready format.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the selected portion of the print-ready information defines a page of the print task.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the selected portion of the print-ready information defines a range of pages of the print task.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the storing information corresponding to a print task in memory in a print-ready format further comprises:

storing a collection of information in the print-ready format corresponding to a plurality of print tasks in the memory.

24. – 26. (Cancelled).

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the memory is resident on the printing device, and wherein the storing step further comprises storing the information in print-ready format in the memory.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the printing device has an input interface, the method further comprising the step of:

receiving, via the input interface, an input for selecting the selected portion of the information in print-ready format.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, further comprising the step of printing, in response to the input, the selected portion without printing the non-selected portion.

30. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 10, wherein the printing device has an input interface, wherein input is received via the input interface.

31. (Previously Presented) A system, comprising:
 a printing device having an input interface; and
 a job retention system configured to receive and store print-ready information corresponding to a print task, the job retention system further configured to receive selection information from a user, via the input interface, and configured to select a portion of the print-ready information based upon the selection information, the job retention system further configured to enable the selected portion of the print-ready information to be printed without printing a non-selected portion of the print-ready information.

32. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 31, wherein the selected portion and the non-selected portion of the print-ready information correspond to a single print task.

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the non-final office action of October 17, 2003. Reexamination, reconsideration and allowance of the application and all presently pending claims are respectfully requested. Upon entry of this response, claims 1-23 and 27-32 remain pending in this application, and claims 24-26 are cancelled in the foregoing amendments. It is believed that the foregoing amendments add no new matter to the present application.

RESPONSE TO CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claims 24-26 presently stand objectionable in that should claims 21-23 be found allowable, claims 24-26 would be substantial duplicates of claims 21-23. In response to this objection, Applicant has cancelled claims 24-26 in the foregoing amendments without prejudice. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that the objection be withdrawn.